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SUBJECT: PINOCHET'S SPEECH ON JUNTA'S SECOND ANNIVERSARY

1. SUMMARY: ONLY MAJOR ANNOUNCEMENT IN PINOCHET'S 110-MINUTE
SPEECH ON SEPTEMBER 11 SECOND ANNIVERSARY OF JUNTA CONCERNED
REDUCTION OF STATE OF SIEGE BY ONE DEGREE AND PROXIMATE CREATION
OF A CONSULTATIVE "COUNCIL OF STATE" COMPOSED OF PROMINENT CITIZENS.
ANY RETURN TO MULTIPLE PARTY POLITICAL SYSTEM WAS RULED OUT,
AND CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY RECEIVED STRONG BUT INDIRECT
CRITICISM. NO NEW DEPARTURES IN FOREIGN POLICY OR ECONOMIC AFFAIRS
WERE UNVEILED. GREAT STRESS WAS LAID ON NEED TO BE EVER-VIGILANT
AGAINST ACTIVITIES AND DOCTRINE OF MARXISTS-LENINISTS. SPEECH
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WAS GENERALLY A LACKLUSTER PERFORMANCE REFLECTING HARD-LINE STANCE

IN BOTH DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS. UNITED STATES
RECEIVED ONLY PASSNG REFERENCE. END SUMMARY.

2. DOMESTIC POLICY. PINOCHET LAID GREAT EMPHASIS ON NEED TO
BE CONSTANTLY ON GUARD AGAINST SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITIES AND INFILTRATION
OF MARXISTS-LENINISTS. HE REPEATEDLY RETURNED TO ATTACK ON THIS
THEME. GOAL IS "TO CREATE A NEW DEMOCRACY, THROUGH A NEW
INSTITUTIONAL POLITICAL REGIME, "ONE WHICH WILL CREATE TRUE
LIBERTY" YET BE IMPERVIOUS TO COMMUNIST PENETRATION. IN THIS " NEW
KIND OF WAR," IDEOLOGICAL NEUTRALITY IS UNACCEPTABLE. CHILE HAS
ALSO LEARNED THAT SUCH DOCTRINES AS "NON-CAPITALIST ROAD TO
DEVELOPMENT" AND "COMMUNITARIAN SOCIALISM" (TWO KEY SLOGANS
OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTY) ARE STEPPING-STONES TO MARXIST
POWER. BARRING MARXISTS FROM CONTROL OF COMMUNICATIONS MEDIA,
UNIVERSITIES, AND TRADE UNIONS IS NOT TO LIMIT FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION
BUT TO PROTECT IT. "WE WILL NOT MAKE THE SAME ERRORS" AS PREVIOUS
REGIMES.

3. HUMAN RIGHTS "ARE NOT UNRESTRICTED OR OF EQUAL RANK; THEY
CAN BE RESTRICTED FOR THE COMMON GOOD." PRESENT RESTRICTIONS ARE
ACCEPTED AND APPROVED BY VAST MAJORITY OF CHILEANS, SINCE "THIS
IS THE NECESSARY PRICE FOR TRANQUILITY, ORDER, AND SOCIAL PEACE."
ONLY A STRONG STATE CAN ADEQUATELY PROTECT TRUE HUMAN RIGHTS.

4. NEVERTHELESS, CHILE HAS BEEN MOVING TO GRADUAL NORMALIZATION.
IN SPITE OF FAILURE OF USSR AND CUBA TO RESPOND TO HIS
CHALLENGE A YEAR AGO TO RELEASE THEIR POLITICAL PRISONERS, GOC
HAS BEEN ALLOWING DETAINEES TO DEPART. IN LAST 12 MONTHS, 483
DETAINEES UNDER STATE OF SIEGE (CATEGORY I) HAVE DEPARTED,
AND 189 PETITIONS FOR COMMUTATION OF PRISON SENTENCES TO EXILE
(CATEGORY III) HAVE BEEN APPROVED. PROGRAM SLOWED BECAUSE MANY
COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY SOCIALIST ARE UNWILLING TO ACCEPT SUCH
PRISONERS.

5. EFFECTIVE TODAY, STATE OF SIEGE IS LOWERED ONE DEGREE FROM
STATE OF INTERNAL DEFENSE TO STATE OF INTERNAL SECURITY,
"THEREBY ALLOWING MILITARY TRIBUNALS, EXCEPT FOR SOME ESPECIALLY
GRAVE CRIMES, TO OPERATE UNDER PEACE-TIME RULES AND ALLOWING APPEALS
OF SENTENCES TO THE COURT MARTIAL (LIKE U.S. COURT OF MILITARY
APPEALS) AND TO SUPREME COURT." "WE CANNOT GO FURTHER NOW,
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SINCE SUBVERSIVE ACTION CONTINUES LATENT." FOR THOSE WHO CITE
PRESENT INTERNAL TRANQUILITY AS REASON TO MGLX RESTRICTIONS EVEN
MORE, ANSWER IS THAT THIS TRANQUILITY IS DUE PRECISELY TO THE
EMERGENCY MEASURES IMPOSED. TO THOSE WHO ASK WHAT IS THE ABNORMAL
SITUATION, WE CITE THE PLANS AND ACTIVITIES OF INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNISM. "WE MUST MAINTAIN THE RESTRICTIONS WHICH ARE NECESSARY
TO ASSURE SOCIAL PEACE AND TO PREVENT A RETURN TO CHAB," AS
LONG AS THERE IS ANY SIGNIFICANT KIND OF SUBVERSIVE ACTIVITY.

CURFEW WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED.

6. "IT SHOULD BE MADE CLEAR THAT WHEN WE SPEAK OF NORMALIZATION, WE ARE NOT IN ANY WAY THINKING, EITHER NOW OR IN THE FUTURE, OF THE PLAY OF POLITICAL PARTIES WITHIN AN UNRESTRICTED IDEOLOGICAL PLURALISM; THIS IS OVER (SE ACABL)."

7. WITHIN NEW INSTITUTIONALITY, WITHIN FIRST HALF OF 1976 THREE CONSTITUTIONAL ACTS WILL BE ISSUED COVERING FUNDAMENTAL BASES OF THE NEW INSTITUTIONALITY, NATIONALITY AND CITIZENSHIP, AND CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS AND EMERGENCY SITUATIONS. OTHERS WILL FOLLOW, INCLUDING ELEVATION OF THE 1974 JURIDICAL STATUTE OF THE JUNTA TO CONSTITUTIONAL STATUS, ALLOWING "DEFINITIVE DEROGATION OF 1925 CONSTITUTION." THE NEW INSTITUTIONALITY WILL CONFORM TO THE NEW REALITY IN CHILE, RATHER THAN TRYING TO FIT REALITY INTO THEORETICAL MOLDS.

8. A "COUNCIL OF STATE" WILL BE CREATED SOON TO PROVIDE ADVICE ON MAJOR QUESTIONS. ON IT WILL BE THE FORMER PRESIDENTS, A FORMER SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT, A FORMER CONTROLLER-GENERAL, A FORMER CINC OF EACH OF THE FOUR ARMED SERVICES, AND LASTLY A SMALL GROUP OF PRESTIGIOUS PRIVATE CITIZENS.

9. INTERNAL UNITY OF JUNTA REMAINS "LIKE GRANITE."

10. PINOCHET ALSO PRAISED INCREASING ROLE OF CIVILIANS IN GOVERNMENT AND EXPRESSED GOVERNMENT'S APPROVAL OF A "SPONTANEOUS CIVIC MOVEMENT" AS HELPFUL TO ACHIEVING NATIONAL UNITY AND OVERCOMING DIVISIONS CAUSED IN PAST BY POLITICAL PARTIES.

11. FOREIGN AFFAIRS. CHILEAN FOREIGN POLICY IS NATIONALIST, DYNAMIC, AND PRAGMATIC. CHILE'S TRUE IMAGE SHOULD BE OF "A COHESIVE COUNTRY WITH INTERNAL ORDER." CHILE WANTS RELATIONS WITH CONFIDENTIAL

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ALL COUNTRIES WHICH RESPECT INTERNATIONAL LAW.

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12. RESUMPTION OF RELATIONS WITH BOLIVIA WAS "PROFOUNDLY SATISFYING." CHILE RECOGNIZED OBSTACLES TO BOLIVIA'S FULL DEVELOPMENT CAUSED BY HER LAND-LOCKED STATUS, AND "WE ARE CONFIDENT OF ACHIEVING A JUST, OPPORTUNE, AND LASTING SOLUTION." IN THIS RESPECT, "DIRECT CONTACTS MAKE UNNECESSARY, AND EVEN PREJUDICIAL, THE INTERVENTION OF THIRD PARTIES." RELATIONS WITH OTHER NEIGHBORS, INCLUDING PERU, RECEIVED ONLY PASSING COMMENT.

13. ONLY DIRECT REFERENCE TO UNITED STATES WAS IN CONTEXT OF "INTENSIFIED" RELATIONS WITH US AND WEST EUROPE, AND RECOGNITION OF AID PL-480 ASSISTANCE IN GOC'S MINIMUM EMPLOYMENT PROGRAM. SPAIN AND ARAB WORLD SINGLED OUT FOR SPECIAL EMPHASIS, AS WAS CHILEAN SOVEREIGNTY IN PART OF ANTARCTICA AND DESIRE CONFIDENTIAL

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TO STRENGTHEN RELATIONS WITH COUNTRIES BORDERING ON PACIFIC OCEAN. NEW NOTE (INTRODUCED AS POLICY IN JULY) WAS RECOGNITION OF PALESTINIANS' RIGHT TO HOME LAND -- ALONG WITH RESPECT FOR TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY AND OF "POLITICAL INDEPENDENCE" OF ALL COUNTRIES

OF REGION. GOC SUPPORT FOR UN RESOLUTION 242 WAS REAFFIRMED.

14. PINOCHET STRONGLY DEFENDED HIS PERSONAL DECISION TO BAR

UNHRC INVESTIGATING GROUP, AND RECEIVED SUSTAINED APPLAUSE. HE GAVE NO INDICATION OF ANY PROSPECTIVE CHANGE IN THIS STANCE. HE ALSO BLASTED DETENTE POLICY, AND HE FLATLY REJECTED ANY OUTSIDE INTERFERENCE IN INTERNAL AFFAIRS, "EVEN WHEN IT APPEARS TO STEM FROM FRIENDLY MOTIVES." "WHEN CHILE ASKS FOR ECONOMIC AID, IT WILL NOT BEG NOR ACCEPT CONDITIONS WHICH DAMAGE ITS DIGNITY AS A FREE AND SOVEREIGN COUNTRY."

15. ECONOMIC AFFAIRS. PRESIDENT GAVE LENGTHY REVIEW OF SITUATION INHERITED BY MILITARY, STEPS TAKEN TO GET THE ECONOMY RUNNING AGAIN, AND PRINCIPAL COMPONENT OF ECONOMIC RECOVERY PLAN BEGUN IN MAY. INFLATION NOW IS "PRACTICALLY BROKEN." HE LAID CONTINUAL EMPHASIS ON NEED FOR SOCIAL PROGRAMS TO PROCEED AT SAME PACE AS ECONOMIC RECOVERY, AND ON ROLE OF GOVERNMENT AS PROTECTOR OF THE WEAK. GOVERNMENT IS AWARE OF "SOCIAL COST" OF AUSTERITY, AND HAS TAKEN A NUMBER OF CONCRETE MEASURES TO AMELIORATE SUFFERING. NOTHING NEW WAS ANNOUNCED.

16. ONCE ECONOMIC RECOVERY IS ACHIEVED, NEXT STEP WILL BE DEVELOPMENT. MAJOR ELEMENTS WILL BE FOREIGN INVESTMENT (LIMITED SO FAR BY "DEMAGOGUERY"), KEY ROLE OF AGRICULTURE, AND HOUSING; PRIVATE SECTOR WILL HAVE MAJOR ROLE. IN ADDITION, THERE WILL BE A FIVE-YEAR PLAN OF SOCIAL ACTION PREPARED, INCLUDING EQUAL ACCESS TO EDUCATION AND WORKER TRAINING. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT, HOWEVER, WILL NOT BECOME AN END IN ITSELF; SPIRITUAL VALUES AND MORAL STRENGTH MUST COME FIRST.

17. COMMENT: SPEECH WAS A GENERALLY LACKLUSTER PERFORMANCE. ALTHOUGH INTERRUPTED BY APPLAUSE 32 TIMES, OUR IMPRESSION IS THAT IT WAS RECEIVED LESS ENTHUSIASTICALLY THAN LAST YEAR'S. PINOCHET REPORTEDLY HAD THREE SEPARATE DRAFTS AS LATE AS EVENING SEPTEMBER 10. THE HARDLINERS WON, IN THE SPEECH'S INORDINATE STRESS ON THE THEME OF CHILE AGAINST THE WORLD AND THE EVILS OF MARXISMS. CONFIDENTIAL

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DESPITE MANY ADVANCE HINTS OF GOOD THINGS TO COME FOR US OPINION, ONLY GRUDGING AND MINOR LIBERALIZATION WAS ANNOUNCED. REDUCTION OF STATE OF SIEGE ONE DEGREE IS WELCOME, BUT PROBABLY WILL HAVE LITTLE SUBSTANTIVE IMPACT UNLESS GOC CHOOSES TO GO FURTHER THAN LAW REQUIRES (SEE SANTIAGO A-91). PINOCHET PROMISED NOTHING NEW ON RELEASE OF POLITICAL PRISONERS, BUT IT MAY BE THAT SUCH MEASURES WILL BE HANDLED SEPARATELY. GOVERNMENT APPARENTLY CONSIDERS IMPORTANT THE ANNOUNCEMENTS ON CREATION OF COUNCIL OF STATE AND NEW CONSTITUTIONAL STATUTES. SUCH MEASURES COULD GIVE GREATER SEMBLANCE OF LEGALITY AND NORMALITY, BUT THEIR IMPORTANCE WOULD DEPEND ON SPIRIT AND CONTENT. PRESENCE OF EX-PRESIDENT GREY IN COUNCIL, FOR EXAMPLE, SHOULD HE AGREE TO SERVE, WOULD BE SIGNIFICANT.

18. IN GENERAL, MAIN THRUST OF SPEECH WAS STRONG RE-CONFIRMATION

OF MORAL RIGHTEOUSNESS AND EFFECTIVENESS OF PRESENT GOVERNMENT
POLICIES -- DOMESTIC AND FOREIGN -- AND OF NEW SOCIETY MILITARY
ARE ATTEMPTING TO BUILD. PINOCHET HAS CHOSEN TO TOUGH IT
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